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Protests against the proposal of the East Tanjore District Board to purchase a new site for the Board High School, Tiruturaipundi.

* 566 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the East Tanjore District Board is contemplating the purchase of a new site for the Board High School at Tiruturaipundi, and whether any representation has been made to the Government by the public of the place protesting against such proposal; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The petition was transferred to the Director of Public Instruction.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Representation in regard to the management of Sri Karpanathaswami temple under the control of the Negapatam Temple Committee.

* 567 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from one K. Ramaswami Pillai of Tiruturaipundi regarding the management of Sri Karpanathaswami temple under the control of the Negapatam Temple Committee; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken by the Government thereon?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

TRUTH ALONE TRIUMPHS

Agriculture

Alleged superfluous staff in the Agricultural department.

* 568 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the necessity for 19 Deputy Directors of Agriculture for supervising the work of 195 agricultural demonstrators;

(*b*) the need for the creation of temporary post of Assistant Director of Agriculture;

(*c*) the nature of work of Research Engineer of Agriculture and the necessity for a Special Research Engineer of Agriculture;

(*d*) why there should be a Millet Specialist;

(*e*) how the work of the Millet Specialist has improved the growth or the quality of the millet in the presidency; and

(*f*) the necessity for assistant research officers while there are 55 research assistants?

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A.—(a) There are only eight Deputy Directors of Agriculture in charge of circles. In addition to the control of propaganda and demonstration work, Deputy Directors are also responsible for the experimental work carried on in the Research Stations of their circles and for the administration of the entire circle of which they hold charge.

(b) Presumably the hon. Member refers to the temporary Assistant Director provided for in the Civil Budget Estimates for 1935–36 under 'B Superintendence' (page 345). There is no permanent Assistant Director for Coimbatore district. A temporary Assistant Director has been appointed to give the necessary assistance to the Deputy Director, Coimbatore circle, to enable him to devote sufficient time to certain agricultural experiments in connexion with the investigation of the Lower Bhavani Project.

(c) The Research Engineer is carrying out research on agricultural implements and machinery, and these items of research require a special Research Engineer.

(d) The Millet Specialist is a crop specialist in charge of research work on cumbu, ragi, cholam, tenai and other millets which are the staple food crops of the dry taluks in this Presidency.

(e) A note on the subject is appended.[a]

(f) Assistant Research Officers are required to assist the heads of Research Sections in the detailed supervision of the work of assistants, in order to enable the experts to devote their attention to the organization and general administration of research work.

11-30 a.m. Diwan Bahadur A. APPADURAI PILLAI:—"May I know, Sir, whether the statement made in clause (a) of the question is correct, and, how the figure 19 instead of 8 Deputy Directors of Agriculture found a place in the budget estimate?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"8 is correct; I am not aware how the figure 19 crept in."

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Hon. Minister is aware of the fact that the ordinary ryot is none the better for all the researches that are carried on by the department, because the results thereof are only preserved in the archives of the research offices?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"I do not agree with the suggestion of the hon. Member."

Diwan Bahadur A. APPADURAI PILLAI:—"With reference to the answer to clause (c), namely 'The Research Engineer is carrying out research on agricultural implements and machinery,' may I know what

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the nature is of the research that is being carried on by the Research Engineer? Is it the intention of Government to revolutionize the agricultural implements?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"The improvement of ploughs, water lifts and things of that kind are being attended to by the Research Engineer."

Diwan Bahadur A. APPADURAI PILLAI:—"Is it not the duty of the ordinary Deputy Directors, instead of the special officer to attend to this work?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"The engineering aspect of the matter is attended to by the Engineer, and sales and so on are attended to by Deputy Directors."

Recruitment of Agricultural Demonstrators since 1930.

* 569 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Agricultural Demonstrators have been recruited in each year since 1930;

(*b*) what the communitywar and districtwar strength is in each year; and

(*c*) what the number is of vacancies that occurred in each of the years?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Thirty-six agricultural demonstrators have been recruited since 1930. Of these, ten were promoted from the Lower Subordinate service and the rest were direct recruits. A statement [a] giving particulars of the demonstrators recruited during the years 1930–35 according to the community and district is enclosed.

(*c*) The number of vacancies of agricultural demonstrators that occurred in each of the years since 1930 is given below:—

Year.	Permanent vacancies.	Temporary vacancies continued from.
1930	8	..
1931	..	..
1932	..	6
1933	..	9
1934	1	9
1935	27	14
Total ..	36	38

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA:—"In the answer it is stated that only 36 demonstrators have been recruited since 1930; of these only 10 have been promoted from the Lower Subordinate Service whereas the other 26 have been recruited direct. May I know whether it is not a fact that there is dissatisfaction in the Subordinate Service in regard to this?"

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a Printed as Appendlix IV on page 122 infra.